<u>Remarks</u>

The above-referenced application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Final Office Action dated June 6, 2007, and further in light of the Advisory Action mailed on August 14, 2007. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for courteously conducting a telephonic interview on August 21, 2007, during which the tree structure of the claims was discussed. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. By the present amendment, Claims 2-3, 8-10, 14-15, 20-22 and 24-26 have been canceled, and Claims 1, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16 18 and 23 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4-7, 11-13, 16-19 and 23 are currently pending in this application. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested, particularly in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claim 26 drew an objection for informalities. Claim 26 has been canceled without prejudice to expedite allowance of this case.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and/or incomplete. Claims 25 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite allowance of this case.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 1-9, 11-21, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants'

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Admitted Prior Art in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0017913 by Hawkes et al. Claims 2-3, 8-9, 14-15, 20-21 and 24 have been canceled without prejudice, and Claims 1, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18 and 23 have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter and expedite allowance of this case. No new matter has been added, and no new issues have been raised.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 10 and 22 drew objections for depending upon rejected base claims, but were indicated as comprising allowable subject matter. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. Accordingly, Claims 10 and 22 have been canceled. All of the limitations of Claims 10 and 22, including all of the limitations of the intervening claims, have been incorporated into amended independent Claims 1 and 13, respectively. No new matter has been added, and no new issues have been raised.

In accordance with the Office Action, Claims 25 and 26 were indicated to be allowable if re-written or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 25 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite allowance of this case.

It is to be emphasized that Applicants have amended the claims for the sole purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance. Applicants do not concede in any way that the current claim rejections are valid or that the originally filed claims in this application are not patentable over the cited art of

record. Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue any of the original filed claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended or re-written independent Claims 1 and 13 are each in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above. Since the remaining dependent claims each depend from one of the above claims and necessarily include each of the elements and limitations thereof, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated, as well as for reciting additional patentable subject matter. Thus, each of Claims 1, 4-7, 11-13, 16-19 and 23 is in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, reconsideration of the rejections and an early and favorable allowance of this case are earnestly solicited.

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